

Title: Need to take urgent steps to protect Sea erosion along the affected Seacoast of Kanyakumari.

SHRI N. DENNIS (NAGERCOIL): The Arabian seacoast of Kanyakumari District is one of the major marine fish producing centres in the country. Fishermen in large numbers are living there. They are fully depending on fishing which is their traditional and only occupation.

In the recent years sea erosion has been causing grave destruction, loss and damage to the poor fishermen. It is the worst sea erosion prone area in the country. By the commencement of the monsoon season this year, the houses started collapsing in large numbers by the mighty waves, cruel winds, heavy rains and sea erosion. The situation would deteriorate during the coming days of the monsoon season. So, if immediate steps are not taken by dumping big stones as walls along the Western Arabian seacoast of Kanyakumari District, several coastal villages and houses would be washed away by sea erosion.

The natural berthing places of fishing vessels are washed away and severely damaged by sea erosion, making it impossible to operate their fishing vessels into the sea. So, to save the fishermen villages, their houses and their fishing materials from the sea erosion, immediate and urgent steps have to be taken to prevent sea erosion. So, I urge upon the Government to take immediate steps to dump big stones as walls to protect sea erosion along the affected seacoast there as a very urgent measure.